

“I Want to See”

Mark 10:46-52 NLT

Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

“Be quiet!” many of the people yelled at him.

But he only shouted louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, “Tell him to come here.”

So they called the blind man. “Cheer up,” they said. “Come on, he’s calling you!” Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked.

“My Rabbi,” the blind man said, “I want to see!”

And Jesus said to him, “Go, for your faith has healed you.” Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

Sometimes we can’t see what is right in front of us.

Why does this message matter?

We all have things that **blind us**, and recognizing this is the first step to step towards seeing clearly.

Partial blindness is still blindness.

Jesus wants you to see clearly.

Four Ways to See Clearly

Recognize God's Presence.

Verse 47

When Bartimaeus **heard** that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby...

... he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Romans 5:8 NLT

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 6:23 NLT

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Remove Unnecessarily Distractions.

Mark 10:49-50 NLT

When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here." So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!"

Bartimaeus *threw aside his coat, jumped up,* and **came to Jesus**.

Hebrews 12:1-2a NLT

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

Respond In Bold Faith

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“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked. “My Rabbi,” the blind man said, “I want to see!”

Resolve To Surrender.

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And Jesus said to him, “**Go**, for **your faith** has **healed you**.” **Instantly** the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

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